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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is to submit documents cited in the European Search Report in a corresponding foreign application, which documents were not previously cited in the present case. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if such a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 06-1205.

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